

HOUSE BILL 2801

By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to the qualifications of the chief administrative officer of the county highway department in counties having a population of not less than ten thousand one hundred (10,100) nor more than ten thousand four hundred seventy (10,470) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-104, is amended by adding the following new appropriately numbered subdivision to subsection (b):

( ) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply in any county having a population of not less than ten thousand one hundred (10,100) nor more than ten thousand four hundred seventy (10,470) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent census. In all such counties the qualifications of the chief administrative officer shall be at least four (4) years experience in a supervisory capacity in highway construction or maintenance or a related field.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of any county to which this act applies by September 1, 1998. Its

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approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of any such legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2 and shall remain in effect until January 1, 1999 at which time it shall be repealed.